



2019 BIG EAST XXVI Taekwondo Championships

Sunday, April 28, 2019
Ridge High School, Basking Ridge, NJ

March 18, 2019

Dear Masters, Instructors, Athletes, Coaches, Trainers, and Parents,

It is an exciting time to be a taekwondo competitor.

On behalf of the Ji Ho Choi Taekwondo Institute, I am pleased to extend my sincere invitation to you and your students to the 26th annual **Big East XXVI Taekwondo Championships** on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at the Ridge High School Gymnasium in Basking Ridge, New Jersey.

For over quarter of a century, Big East TKD Championship has been setting standards for taekwondo competitions across the nation and worldwide. Continuously innovating the next new development in taekwondo and opening up explorative platforms for athletes, coaches, masters, and spectators for experimentations and opportunities to grow and evolve with the ever-changing advancement of taekwondo. We are excited for the line-up of seven events for this year's Big East Championship, WT Poomsae, WT Team Poomsae, WT Pairs Poomsae, Open/Weapons Forms, Free-Style Breaking, Individual Sparring, and the exciting Tag Team Sparring for ages 8-9, 10-11, and 12-14 (Please contact us for details).

Taekwondo competition does not have to center around the sparring event, the spirit of competition comes from hard work and sweat of every athlete, who display bravery and indomitability to step onto that competition floor and demonstrate confidence, integrity, perseverance, and true sportsmanship, which are the true teachings of Taekwondo. To uphold these qualities of athleticism, we are constantly working to develop and uphold a safe, fair play, and fair judging standards by inviting highly qualified international referees. The organizing committee has once again approved the use of WT approved Electronic Body Protectors and Scoring System to score the Junior and adult black belt sparring events. **To provide fair breaking competition, it is mandatory for all athletes to use the competition approved breaking boards sold on the day of competition by an authorized dealer. Non-certified boards will not be allowed at this competition.**

We are only 16 months away from 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Japan. Never has there been a better time to be a student of taekwondo of all ages and gender to join the brotherhood/sisterhood of taekwondo training and its teachings. It's time to start developing the Olympic dream.

We invite you to join us at the **2019 Big East XXVI at Ridge High School on April 28, 2019** to celebrate an event that has become a spring taekwondo tradition and be a part of our fast growing community. Please take some time to read over the enclosed package and contact us for assistance and/or with your questions and concerns.

We look forward to seeing you at the **Big East XXVI**.

Sincerely,
Grand Master Ji Ho Choi
Hosts & Director
BIG EAST XXVI